

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendment and remarks herewith. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS**

Claims 2-6 and 8 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claim 3 is amended.

No new matter has been introduced. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

**II. ALLOWED CLAIMS**

Claims 2 and 8 are allowed. Claims 3-6 are each dependent from the allowed claim 2 and are therefore believed patentable.

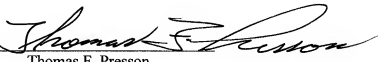
**CONCLUSION**

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In view of the foregoing remarks, all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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